

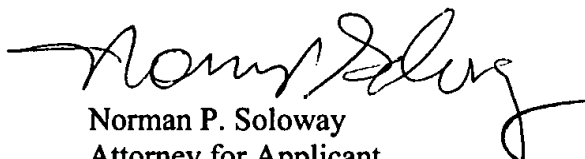
Takemae et al. cannot anticipate this aspect of claims 1 and 28 nor any claims dependent therefrom.

Turning to the rejection of claim 29 under 35 USC § 103(a) as obvious over Takemae et al., U.S. Patent 6,194,932 in view of Tanis et al., U.S. Patent 5,258,724, claim 29 is dependent on claim 28. The deficiencies of the primary reference Takemae et al. vis-à-vis claim 28 are discussed above. Tanis et al. does not supply the missing teachings. Thus, claim 29 is patentable for the reasons adduced above for claims 1 and 28, as well as for its own limitations.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance.

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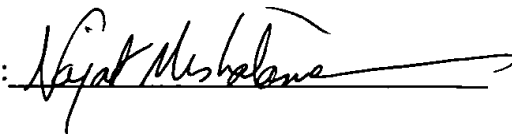
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